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A Compilation of Reports of Church Membership

The following article is based upon the statistical section of the *Yearbook of American Churches*, 1941 edition, which is fresh from the press (15th issue, published biennially.) It was prepared by Benson Y. Landis, Associate Secretary of the Department of Research and Education, who edited the current *Yearbook*. The *Yearbook* contains numerous directories of organized religion, including 250 religious bodies, and other reference material. It is published by the Yearbook of American Churches Press, 37-41 85th Street, Jackson Heights, N. Y., at $3.50 per copy.

"The latest information" reported by all known religious bodies for continental United States indicates a total church membership of 64,501,594 persons, of whom 52,405,659 were 13 years of age and over. The figures are mainly for fiscal years ending in December, 1939, or some time during 1940. For certain religious bodies, however, there were no reports except those of the federal Census of Religious Bodies for 1936, made public by the Bureau of the Census in 1940. See Table I.

The reports of church membership came from 250 religious bodies having 244,319 local churches. An analysis of the statistics reveals, however, that 97.4 per cent of the church membership of the United States was found within the 52 religious bodies each having over 50,000 members. Only 2.6 per cent of the church members were found in the 198 smaller bodies. See Table II.

About one-half of the population of the United States, slightly over 49 per cent, are reported as church members. This seems to have been the situation for about 10 years. Between 1930 and 1940 the population of continental United States increased 7.2 per cent, according to the 1940 census of population. Between 1931 and 1940 church membership officially reported increased 7.86 per cent. (The 1931 figures for church membership were those compiled for and published in the *Christian Herald*.) Thus, church membership seems to have increased since 1931 to about the same extent as population.

The current compilation is not directly comparable with previous compilations, because a new "base line" has had to be drawn. In previous compilations figures for the federal Census of Religious Bodies of *1926* were used for religious bodies which did not make annual reports, or which declined to furnish information. For the current statistics the figure for *1936* was used for denominations instructing the compiler to "use 1936," and also for a very small proportion of the smaller bodies that did not reply to the requests for information. The 1936 Census of Religious Bodies—see INFORMATION SERVICE for November 2, 1940—is regarded as complete and satisfactory for certain religious bodies, but very incomplete and unsatisfactory for others. Hence it is possible that in listing 1936 figures for churches that did not reply an injustice has been done. However, the compiler has at least included "the latest information" publicly reported, after giving each statistical officer three or four opportunities to present data.

In Table I below, listing the number of local churches reported, the inclusive church membership and membership 13 years of age and over, the year for which the statistics apply is also given. A special note should be made of the fact that membership 13 years of age and over is in many instances an estimate. When the denomination could not report this figure from actual records or from a study by its statistician, the compiler applied to recent figures the *percentage* of church members over 13 reported for the denomination in the Census of Religious Bodies 1936, and indicated that the figure was an estimate.

What about church attendance and statistics on contributions to or expenditures of the churches? There are available no comprehensive figures on church attendance and none for all bodies on financial transactions of the churches. The 1936 Census of Religious Bodies, in a preliminary report August, 1940, recorded total expenditures of $518,953,571 for 199,302 local churches in 256 religious bodies. However, it would appear that roughly one-fifth of the local churches did not furnish information. (The *Christian Herald* report for 1936 indicated 245,422 local churches in 222 religious bodies.) Possibly those not reporting were mainly the smaller churches with less than average budgets, but nobody knows. Therefore it is exceedingly difficult to make a reliable estimate of total expenditures for the churches either for 1936 or 1940. The most thorough study ever made of this question was that by Dr. C. Luther Fry in his book "The U. S. Looks At Its Churches," an interpretation of the 1926 Census of Religious Bodies. Dr. Fry found total church expenditures to be the equivalent of about one per cent of the estimated

total income of all the people in 1926. Rough estimates of total contributions to all religious bodies, made by Dr. Herman C. Weber, former editor of the *Yearbook of American Churches,* and the present editor, indicate total annual expenditures of between $550,000,000 and $600,000,000 for 1940. These approximations were slightly less than one per cent of the total national income as estimated by the Department of Commerce.

Table I

STATISTICS OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

A Compilation of "The Latest Information"—For All Known Bodies.

Name of Religious Body	Year	No. of Churches Reported	Inclusive Church Membership	Membership 13 years of age and over
Adventist Bodies:				
Advent Christian Church	'40	434	29,643	29,050, Est.
Church of God (Oregon, Ill.)	'40	79	5,295	5,295
Church of God (Adventist)	'40	65	5,000	4,745, Est.
Life and Advent Union	'40	6	334	325
Seventh-Day Adventists	'40	2,565	176,218	171,518
Prim. Adv. Christian Church	'36	14	538	536
African Orthodox Church	'39	14	3,000	2,428, Est.
Amana Church Society	'36	7	847	677, Est.
American Ethical Union	'40	7	3,024	2,652, Est.
American Rescue Workers	'39	32	1,391	1,123, Est.
Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God	'36	23	863	764, Est.
Assemblies of God	'40	3,930	198,834	198,834
Assyrian Jacobite Apostolic Church	'36	4	3,100	2,240
Baha'i Faith	'36	88	2,584	2,059
Baptist Bodies:				
No. Baptist Convention	'40	7,478	1,543,976	1,463,689, Est.
So. Baptist Convention	'40	25,018	4,949,174	4,662,122, Est.
National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and National Baptist Conv. of America	'40	24,575	4,046,840	3,654,501, Est.
American Baptist Asso.	'36	1,064	115,022	93,955
Christian Unity Baptist Asso.	'40	8	269	269
Colored Primitive Baptists	'36	1,009	43,897	42,135, Est.
Duck River and Kindred Associations of Baptists	'36	91	7,951	7,633, Est.
Free Will Baptists	'40	1,102	118,871	117,130, Est.
General Baptists	'40	593	38,231	32,116, Est.
Gen. Six-Principle Baptists	'40	3	130	130
Independent Baptist Church of America	'36	8	129	101
Nat'l Baptist Evan. Life and Soul Sav. Assem. of U.S.A.	'40	176	55,897	49,749, Est.
Primitive Baptists	'36	1,726	69,157	68,881
Regular Baptists	'36	266	17,186	17,118, Est.
Gen'l Association of Regular Baptist Churches, North	'36	84	22,345	20,803, Est.
Separate Baptists	'40	59	5,287	3,660
Seventh Day Baptists	'40	66	6,876	6,732, Est.
Seventh Day Baptists (German, 1728)	'40	2	108	108
Two-Seed-In-the Spirit Predestinarian Baptists	'36	16	201	173
United American Free Will Baptist Church	'36	226	19,616	17,284
United Baptists	'36	227	27,000	26,757, Est.
Brethren, German Baptist (Dunkers):				
The Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkers)	'40	154	17,282	15,554
Church of the Brethren (Conservative Dunkers)	'40	1,017	176,908	163,133, Est.
Church of God (New Dunkers)	'40	9	818	798
Old German Baptist Brethren (Old Order Dunkers)	'36	67	3,589	3,522
Plymouth Brethren	'36	664	25,806	25,390, Est.
Brethren, River:				
Old Order or Yorker Brethren	'36	7	291	291, Est.
Brethren in Christ	'40	62	5,134	4,934, Est.
United Zion's Children	'40	22	1,025	1,000
Buddhist Mission of North America	'40	42	35,000	26,740, Est.
Catholic Apostolic Church	'36	7	2,577	2,577, Est.
Christadelphians	'36	109	2,755	2,452
The Christian and Missionary Alliance	'39	510	32,872	31,458, Est.
Christian Nation Church	'36	5	112	108
Christian Union	'38	220	15,400	14,337
Christ's Sanctified Holy Church	'40	32	483	462, Est.
Church of Armenia in America	'36	37	18,787	10,047
Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.	'36	106	7,379	6,597, Est.
Church of Christ, Scientist	'36	2,113	268,915	268,915
Church of Eternal Life	'40	2	113	100
Churches of God:				
Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.)	'40	1,602	63,216	61,320, Est.
Church of God (Anderson, Ind.)	'40	1,428	74,497	62,727, Est.
Church of God (Seventh Day)	'36	39	1,154	1,090
The (Original) Church of God	'36	58	2,269	2,159, Est.
Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.)	'40	777	17,612	17,612
Church of God and Saints of Christ	'36	213	37,084	26,701
Church of God in Christ	'36	772	31,564	28,534, Est.
Church of the Full Gospel, Inc.	'40	4	355	276
Church of the Gospel, Inc.	'40	5	47	47
Church of the Nazarene	'40	2,612	165,532	154,607, Est.
The Church of Revelation	'40	1	520	520
Churches of Christ	'36	3,815	309,551	309,551, Est.
Churches of Christ in Christian Union of Ohio	'36	86	3,568	3,393, Est.
Churches of God, Holiness	'36	35	5,872	4,377
Churches of God in North America (Gen'l Eldership)	'39	350	31,000	29,326, Est.
Churches of the Living God:				
Church of the Living God (Christian Workers for Fellowship)	'36	96	4,525	4,525
The Church of the Living God, The Pillar and Ground of the Truth	'36	119	4,838	4,460
Churches of the New Jerusalem:				
Gen. C nv. of the New Jerusalem in the U.S.A.	'39	75	4,894	4,787, Est.
Gen. Church of the New Jerusalem	'39	8	1,279	1,279
Cong. Christian Churches	'39	6,041	1,049,575	1,022,287, Est.
Cong. Holiness Church	'39	73	2,420	2,386, Est.
Disciples of Christ	'40	7,974	1,658,966	1,537,862, Est.
Divine Science Church	'36	18	4,085	4,085
Eastern Orthodox Churches:				
Albanian Orthodox Church	'36	13	3,137	1,974
Amer. Holy Orthodox Cath. Apostolic Eastern Church	'39	10	1,000	692, Est.
Apostolic Episcopal Church	'39	12	6,389	3,385
Bulgarian Orthodox Church	'40	6	1,336	976, Est.
Greek Orthodox Church (Hellenic)	'40	355	425,000	319,600, Est.
Holy Orthodox Church in Amer. (Eastern Catholic and Apostolic)	'39	12	847	833
Roumanian Orthodox Ch.	'40	32	34,698	28,390
Russian Orthodox Church	'36	229	89,510	66,596
Serbian Orthodox Church	'40	35	100,000	75,000
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Ch. of N.Y. and All N. Am.	'40	69	61,043	45,738
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America	'40	36	12,480	10,172, Est.
Erieside Church	'36	1	85	83
Evangelical and Ref. Church	'39	2,861	658,571	591,455, Est.

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Name of Religious Body	Year	No. of Churches Reported	Inclusive Church Membership	Membership 13 years of age and over
Evangelical Church	'40	2,010	244,278	232,065, Est.
Evangelical Cong. Church	'40	160	25,049	24,048, Est.
Evangelistic Associations:				
Apostolic Christian Church (Nazarean)	'36	31	1,663	1,547
Apostolic Christian Church of America	'36	57	5,841	5,836
Apostolic Faith Mission	'36	17	2,288	1,838
The Christian Congregation	'40	7	1,250	1,007
Church of Daniel's Band	'40	4	124	124
Church of God (Apostolic)	'38	49	3,085	2,895
Church of God as Organized by Christ	'38	14	2,192	2,192
Hephzibah Faith Miss. Asso.	'40	21	356	251, Est.
Metropolitan Church Asso.	'36	14	961	961, Est.
Miss. Bands of the World.	'40	5	229	216, Est.
Missionary Church Asso.	'36	47	3,648	3,550, Est.
Pillar of Fire	'36	46	4,044	3,150
Faith Tabernacle	'40	1	108	108
Federated Churches	'36	508	88,411	88,093
Fire Bap. Holiness Church.	'40	300	6,000	5,838, Est.
Free Christian Zion Church of Christ	'40	23	1,860	494, Est.
Friends:				
Primitive Friends	'40	1	13	13
Religious Society of Friends (Conservative) Wilburites.	'36	31	3,351	2,899, Est.
Religious Society of Friends (Hicksite)	'40	143	16,166	14,637, Est.
Religious Society of Friends (Orthodox)	'40	600	68,000	55,750
Religious Soc. of Friends of Phila. and Vic. (Orthodox)	'39	31	4,796	3,932, Est.
Holiness Church	'40	18	620	602, Est.
House of David	'40	1	300	300
House of God, Holy Church of the Living God, The Pillar and Ground of the Truth, House of Prayer for all People	'36	4	200	75, Est.
House of the Lord	'36	4	302	302, Est.
The Church of Illumination.	'36	1	250	217
Independent Churches	'36	384	40,276	37,618
Independent Negro Churches	'36	50	12,337	12,005
International Church of the Four Square Gospel	'36	205	16,147	14,613
Italian Bodies:				
Gen. Council of the Italian Pentecostal Assem. of God	'36	16	1,547	1,391, Est.
The Unorganized Ital. Christian Churches of N. A.	'36	104	9,567	7,323, Est.
Jewish Congregations	'36	3,728	4,641,184	3,341,652, Est.
Kodesh Church of Immanuel	'36	9	562	354
Latter-Day Saints:				
Ch. of Christ, Temple Lot.	'40	56	2,179	2,121, Est.
Church of Jesus Christ (Bickertonites)	'36	31	1,639	1,618
Church of Jesus Christ (Cutlerites)	'40	2	24	24
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	'39	1,499	724,401	512,028, Est.
Church of Jesus Christ (Strangites)	'36	4	123	96
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	'40	570	106,554	98,700, Est.
The Latter House of the Lord, Apostolic Faith	'36	2	29	26
Liberal Catholic Church	'40	34	2,000	1,730, Est.
Lithuanian National Catholic Church of America	'40	6	3,325	2,100
Lutherans:				
American Lutheran Conference:				
American Lutheran Church	'39	2,028	560,940	393,807
Evangelical Luth. Augustana Synod of N. A.	'39	1,189	340,171	258,500
Norwegian Lutheran Church of America	'39	2,526	536,073	370,962
Lutheran Free Church	'38	391	48,280	37,000
United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Ch. in Amer.	'39	173	32,336	22,635, Est.
Lutheran Synodical Conference of N. A.:				
Evan. Luth. Synod of Mo., Ohio and other states.	'39	4,205	1,277,097	912,729
The Evan. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin and other states	'39	807	256,007	177,402
The Slovak Evan. Lutheran Synod of America	'39	63	22,458	15,485
Norwegian Synod of the Amer. Evan. Luth. Ch.	'39	65	8,631	6,372
Negro Missions of the Synodical Conference	'39	77	9,964	6,149, Est.
United Luth. Church in Amer.	'39	3,750	1,611,778	1,192,716
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America	'40	28	2,250	1,689, Est.
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Amer. (Eielsen Synod)	'40	14	1,360	1,065
Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church of America	'40	64	14,511	11,277
Finnish Evan. Luth. Church of Amer. (Suomi Synod)	'41	187	27,687	20,873, Est.
Finnish Evangelical Luth. Natl. Church of America.	'40	65	6,275	4,442
Icelandic Evangelical Lutheran Synod in N. A.	'36	13	1,808	1,395, Est.
Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	'39	77	18,145	12,096
The Protestant Conf. (Luth.)	'36	22	3,253	2,326
Independent Lutheran Cong.	'36	15	2,423	1,806
Mayan Temple	'40	5	1,462	1,395
Mennonite Bodies:				
Cent. Conf. of Mennonites	'40	24	3,327	3,131, Est.
Church of God in Christ (Mennonite)	'40	28('38)	3,000, Est.	2,985, Est
Conf. of the Defenseless Mennonites of No. America (Formerly Defenseless Mennonites)	'40	13	1,400	1,307, Est.
Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Conference	'36	10	1,184	1,076
Conservative Amish Mennonite Church	'41	18	2,772	2,758
The Gen'l Conf. of the Mennonite Ch. of No. America	'36	142	26,535	26,085, Est.
Hutterian Brethren	'36	6	501	371, Est.
Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Conference	'40	12	1,558	1,216, Est.
Mennonite Breth. in Christ	'40	126	10,600	9,933, Est.
Mennonite Brethren Church of North America	'39	52	8,103	8,037, Est.
Mennonite Church	'40	495	51,304	49,663, Est.
Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde	'36	2	275	275
Old Order Amish Mennonite Church	'40	150	11,681	11,329, Est.
Old Order Mennonite Church (Wisler)	'40	24	2,729	2,699, Est.
Reformed Mennonite Church	'36	27	1,044	940
Stauffer Mennonite Church.	'40	2	171	171, Est.
Unaffiliated Mennonite Congregations	'40	5	375	375, Est.
Methodist Bodies:				
Afri. Meth. Epis. Church	'39	7,115	650,000	581,750
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	'36	2,252	414,244	332,376
Afri. Union First Colored Meth. Protestant Church	'40	37	2,045	1,935, Est.
Apostolic Methodist Church	'36	2	31	27
Col. Meth. Epis. Church	'40	4,000	365,000	315,000
Col. Meth. Prot. Church	'36	1	216	216, Est.
Cong. Meth. Church	'40	275	16,508	15,914, Est.
Free Meth. Church of No. Amer.	'40	1,275	45,890	42,596, Est.
Holiness Methodist Church.	'40	8	632	629, Est.
The Independent A. M. E. Denomination	'40	12	1,000	905, Est.
The Methodist Church	'40	42,139	7,377,487	6,706,136, Est.
New Cong. Meth. Church	'36	25	1,449	1,338
Primitive Meth. Church	'40	85	12,130	12,027
Reformed Meth. Church	'40	10	400	391, Est.
Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church	'40	65	4,000	4,000
Reformed New Congregational Methodist Church	'36	8	329	323

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Name of Religious Body	Year	No. of Churches Reported	Inclusive Church Membership	Membership 13 years of age and over
Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Church	'40	29	3,548	2,890, Est.
Union American Methodist Episcopal Church	'36	71	9,369	7,919, Est.
Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America	'39	730	26,720	25,866, Est.
Moravian Bodies:				
Bohemian and Moravian Brethren Churches	'40	2	287	287
Evang. Unity of Bohemian and Moravian Breth. in N.A.	'40	41	4,538	3,741
Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum)	'39	138	37,601	27,201
National David Spiritual Temple of Christ Church Un.	'40	15	2,967	2,660, Est.
New Apos. Church of N. A.	'39	65	5,030	3,793, Est.
Old Cath. Churches in Amer.:				
The Amer. Cath. Church, Archdiocese of New York	'40	4	1,400	1,100
The Amer. Cath. Church, Syro-Antiochean	'40	6	890	558
The Amer. Old Catholic Church, Inc.	'40	19	2,360	2,073, Est.
No. Amer. Old Rom. Cath. Church	'36	36	14,985	11,527
The Old Catholic Church in America	'40	28	6,274	5,545
Pentecostal Assemblies:				
Pentecostal Fire Baptized Holiness Church	'40	71	1,655	1,655
Church of God in Christ (Pentecostal)	'36	9	210	179
Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ, Inc.	'36	245	16,070	13,910, Est.
International Pentecostal Assemblies	'36	98	6,333	5,517, Est.
Pentecostal Assemblies of the World	'36	87	5,713	4,937, Est.
Pentecostal Church of God in America	'36	81	4,296	3,616, Est.
Pentecostal Church, Inc.	'40	300	15,000	13,290, Est.
Calvary Pentecostal Ch., Inc.	'40	39	12,000	12,000
Pentecostal Holiness Church	'40	730	24,100	23,474, Est.
Pilgrim Holiness Church	'40	659	23,427	22,724, Est.
Polish Nat. Cath. Church of Amer.	'36	118	63,366	47,921
Presbyterian Bodies:				
Associate Ref. Presbyterian Church, Gen'l Synod	'36	141	21,981	20,179, Est.
Associate Presbyterian Church of N. A.	'40	8	250	242, Est.
Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church	'40	307	25,000	15,000, Est.
Cumberland Presbyterian Church	'40	1,082	73,357	62,353
Pres. Church in the U. S.	'40	3,487	532,135	494,886, Est.
Pres. Church in the U.S.A.	'40	8,619	1,971,364	1,892,510
Reformed Pres. Church in N. A., General Synod	'40	13	1,965	1,953, Est.
The Orthodox Pres. Church	'40	64	5,702	4,654
Ref. Pres Church of N. A. (Old School)	'40	86	6,315	6,315
United Pres. Church of N.A.	'40	853	187,470	180,622
Protestant Episcopal Church	'39	7,074	1,996,434	1,420,171
Reformed Bodies:				
Christian Reformed Church.	'40	298	121,755	80,358, Est.
Free Magyar Reformed Church in America	'36	19	7,165	5,903
Reformed Church in Amer.	'40	723	163,135	153,510, Est.
Reformed Episcopal Church.	'39	69	9,000	8,928, Est.
The Roman Catholic Church	'40	18,733	21,284,455	15,252,639, Est.
The Salvation Army	'40	1,647	238,357	104,876
Scandinavian Evangelical Bodies:				
Norwegian & Danish Evan. Free Church Asso. of N.A.	'36	44	3,989	3,196
The Evangelical Free Church of Amer.	'40	130	11,000	10,955, Est.
Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America	'40	450	45,634	45,472, Est.
Schwenkfelders	'39	6	2,048	2,048
Social Brethren	'40	14	521	513, Est.
Spiritualists:				
International Gen'l Assembly of Spiritualists	'40	90	1,350	1,301, Est.
Nat. Spiritual Alliance	'40	255	4,570	4,570
National Spiritualist Association, Inc.	'36	258	11,266	10,885
Prog. Spiritual Church	'36	21	11,347	10,506, Est.
Triumph The Church and Kingdom of God in Christ.	'40	400 Est.	30,000, Est.	30,000, Est.
Unitarian Churches	'40	380	63,745	63,745
United Brethren Bodies:				
Church of the United Brethren in Christ	'41	2,809	421,689	377,388
United Christian Church	'40	14	613	613
United Brethren in Christ (Old Constitution)	'36	248	15,401	14,832, Est.
United Holy Church of America, Inc.	'39	500	31,500	28,350, Est.
United Society of Believers (Shakers)	'40	4	100	70
Univ. Emancipation Church.	'36	1	18	18
Universalist Church	'41	508	51,489	50,408, Est.
Vedanta Society	'36	10	628	421
The Volunteers of America	'39	104	10,000	10,000
Totals: No. of Bodies: 250		244,319	64,501,594	52,405,659

Table II

THE LARGER RELIGIOUS BODIES—WITH 50,000 MEMBERS AND OVER

Name of Religious Body	Year	No. of Churches Reported	Inclusive Church Membership	Membership 13 years of age and over
Seventh Day Adventists	'40	2,565	176,218	171,518
Assemblies of God	'40	3,930	198,834	198,834
Baptist Bodies:				
No. Baptist Convention	'40	7,478	1,543,976	1,463,689, Est.
So. Baptist Convention	'40	25,018	4,949,174	4,662,122, Est.
Nat. Bap. Conv. U.S.A., Inc. and Nat. Bap. Conv. of America	'40	24,575	4,046,840	3,654,501, Est.
Amer. Baptist Association	'36	1,064	115,022	93,955
Free Will Baptists	'40	1,102	118,871	117,130, Est.
Nat. Bap. Evan. Life and Soul Sav. Assem. of U.S.A.	'40	176	55,897	49,749, Est.
Primitive Baptists	'36	1,726	69,157	68,881
Church of the Brethren (Conservative Dunkers)	'40	1,017	176,908	163,133, Est.
Church of Christ, Scientist	'36	2,113	268,915	268,915
Churches of God:				
Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.)	'40	1,602	63,216	61,320, Est.
Church of God (Anderson, Ind)	'40	1,428	74,497	62,727, Est.
Church of the Nazarene	'40	2,612	165,532	154,607, Est.
Churches of Christ	'36	3,815	309,551	309,551, Est.
Cong. Christian Churches	'39	6,041	1,049,575	1,022,287, Est.
Disciples of Christ	'40	7,974	1,658,966	1,537,862, Est.
Eastern Orthodox Churches:				
Greek Or. Church (Hellenic)	'40	355	425,000	319,600, Est.
Russian Or. Church	'36	229	89,510	66,596
Serbian Or. Church	'40	35	100,000	75,000
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church of New York and All North America	'40	69	61,043	45,738
Evan. and Ref. Church	'39	2,861	658,571	591,455, Est.
Evangelical Church	'40	2,010	244,278	232,065, Est.
Religious Society of Friends (Orthodox)	'40	600	68,000	55,750
Jewish Congregations	'36	3,728	4,641,184	3,341,652, Est.
Latter-Day Saints:				
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	'39	1,499	724,401	512,028, Est.
Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	'40	570	106,554	98,700, Est.
Lutherans:				
American Lutheran Conference: Amer. Lutheran Church	'39	2,028	560,940	393,807

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Name of Religious Body	Year	No. of Churches Reported	Inclusive Church Membership	Membership 13 years of age and over
Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of N. A...	'39	1,189	340,171	258,500
Norwegian Lutheran Church of America	'39	2,526	536,073	370,962
Lutheran Synodical Confer- of N. A.:				
Evan. Luth. Synod of Mo., Ohio and other states....	'39	4,205	1,277,097	912,729
The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and other states	'39	807	256,007	177,402
United Lutheran Church in America	'39	3,750	1,611,778	1,192,716
Mennonite Church	'40	495	51,304	49,663, Est.
Methodist Bodies:				
Afri. Meth. Epis. Church..	'39	7,115	650,000	581,750
Afri. Meth. Epis. Zion Ch.	'36	2,252	414,244	332,376
Col. Meth. Epis. Church ..	'40	4,000	365,000	315,000
The Methodist Church	'40	42,139	7,377,487	6,706,136, Est.
Polish National Catholic Church of Amer.	'36	118	63,366	47,921
Presbyterian Bodies:				
Cumberland Pres. Church..	'40	1,082	73,357	62,353
Pres. Church in the U. S...	'40	3,487	532,135	494,886, Est.
Pres. Church in the U.S.A.	'40	8,619	1,971,364	1,892,510
Un. Pres. Church of N.A...	'40	853	187,470	180,622
Protestant Episcopal Church	'39	7,074	1,996,434	1,420,171
Reformed Bodies:				
Christian Ref. Church	'40	298	121,755	80,358, Est.
Ref. Church in America ..	'40	723	163,135	153,510, Est.
The Roman Catholic Church	'40	18,733	21,284,455	15,252,639, Est.
The Salvation Army	'40	1,647	238,357	104,876
Unitarian Churches	'40	380	63,745	63,745
United Brethren in Christ..	'41	2,809	421,689	377,388
Universalist Church	'41	508	51,489	50,408, Est.
Totals: No. of Bodies, 52..		223,029	62,768,542	50,871,793

Table III

ANALYSIS OF THE 1939-1940 COMPILATION

	No. of Local Churches Reported	Inclusive Membership	Membership* 13 years of age and over
Roman Catholic Church	18,733	21,284,455	15,252,639
Old Catholic Churches	93	25,909	20,803
Eastern Orthodox Churches ...	809	735,440	553,356
Jewish Congregations	3,728	4,641,184	3,341,652
"Protestant" Bodies over 50,000.	199,762	36,103,984	31,722,647
All Other Bodies	21,194	1,710,622	1,514,562
Totals	244,319	64,501,594	52,405,659

*In most cases estimated.

How the Data Were Compiled

A blank for statistical information was mailed on November 15, 1940, to the chief statistical officer of all religious bodies that reported to the Census of Religious Bodies, 1936. This form asked for data officially reported on the number of local churches, inclusive church membership, membership 13 years of age and over, for continental United States. A second request to those not replying was mailed on December 15, 1940, and a third on January 2, 1941. By this method membership reports were secured for most churches. Many officers of bodies that do not make annual tabulations of their membership simply replied by asking us to "use 1936." A very small proportion of the smaller bodies did not reply to a third request and in certain instances personal letters were written and telephone requests were made. For those not furnishing information, the 1936 Census data published in 1940 are given.

Table IV

RECENT TABULATIONS OF STATISTICS OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Name of Compiler	No. of Religious Bodies Reporting	No. of Local Churches Reported	Inclusive Church Membership	Membership 13 years of age and over	Year Published	For Fiscal Years Ending Mainly in
B. Y. Landis, Yearbook of American Churches	250	244,319	64,501,594	52,405,659	1941	1939 & '40
H. C. Weber, Information Service	202	248,410	64,156,895	52,379,579	1939	1937 & '38
H. C. Weber, Christian Herald	225	246,418	63,848,094	52,156,226	1938	1937 & '38
Maude H. Kieffer, Christian Herald	222	245,422	63,493,036	51,745,907	1937	1936
George L. Kieffer, Christian Herald	221	244,812	62,655,632	51,022,512	1936	1935
George L. Kieffer, Christian Herald	207	244,436	62,007,376	50,496,749	1935	1934
George L. Kieffer, Christian Herald	236	242,011	60,812,624	49,599,281	1934	1933
George L. Kieffer, Christian Herald	204	240,811	60,157,392	49,350,867	1933	1932
George L. Kieffer, Christian Herald	204	238,966	59,797,851	49,107,957	1932	1931

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